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ADZHUBEY, DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVEREMPHASIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO INCREASE HIS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAIS SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER TOO. ADZHUBEY SAID SEATO, CENTO AND NATO ARE USELESS, THAT THERE IS TROUBLE IN THAILAND AS WELL AS LAOS, AND THAT THAILAND SHOULD LEAVE THE CHINA PROBLEM TO THE USSR. LATER COMMENTS BY ADZHUBEY TO PRIME MINISTER THANOM AND FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT IN SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET BLOC AND THAILAND CS -3/567,770.

AT A RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, BANGKOK, IN NOVEMBER 1963, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY, IZVESTIYA EDITOR AND KHRUSHCHEV'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND FOLLOWS HIS SPEECH TO REDUCE WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN THAILAND AND FOOD IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN THAILAND SHOULD MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO COMMUNICATE INFORMATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS WILL LEAD TO BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH KATHY CAN WORK. THE SOVIETS SHOULD HEAR MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR HER TO KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER.

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ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO MONITOR ADZHUBEY'S ACTIVITIES DURING HIS VISIT TO BANGKOK FROM 24 NOVEMBER THROUGH 3 DECEMBER 1963, ADZHUBEY HELD SEVERAL CONFERENCES AND HAD PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS THAI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS, ADZHUBEY MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

- A. SEATO, NATO, AND CENTO ARE USELESS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT CALM WORLD TENSION, AND IF A NUCLEAR WAR SHOULD BREAK OUT, ONE BOMB WOULD DESTROY EVERYTHING.
- B. FASCISTS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. ADZHUBEY REFERRED TO HIS PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH AN AMERICAN AUTHOR, JOHN STEINBECK, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT FASCISTS WERE STIRRING UP THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES.
- C. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION POSED TO HIM REGARDING STRONGER SOVIET ACTION ON THE LAOS PROBLEM, ADZHUBEY POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS ALSO TROUBLE IN BERLIN.
- D. WHEN ASKED IF THE USSR CAN HELP, SINCE THAILAND IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT CHINESE COMMUNIST INTERVENTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, ADZHUBEY ANSWERED, "LEAVE CHINA TO THE USSR."

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SUMMARY: DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEXEY ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVERPHASORIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO ENHANCE ITS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAI SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIET'S BETTER SIDE. HE ALSO SAID SHATO, CENTO AND NATO ARE USELESS; THAT THERE IS NO TENSION IN CHINA AS WELL AS LAOS, AND THAT THAILAND SHOULD LEAVES THE CHINESE OUTSIDE THE USSR. LATER COMMENTS BY ADZHUBEY TO PRIME MINISTER KHANON AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHANAT ON POOR PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET EVENTS ARE MENTIONED C. 2137,770.

AT A RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, PHATTHAK, ON 30 NOVEMBER 1963, ALEXEY ADZHUBEY, TASSELINA EDITOR AND KERUBOVICH'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD BEEN ASKED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND HIGHLIGHTED HIS EFFORTS TO LESSEN WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN PARTICULAR AND RICE IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY REQUESTED THAI MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN THAILAND SHOULD MAKE GREAT EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL POPULATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS WOULD RESULT IN BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. IT DOES NOT MATTER, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE SOVIET NATIONAL PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH RAPPORT CAN BE BASED. THE SOVIETS SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT FOR THE THAI TO KNOW THE SOVIET'S BETTER SIDE.

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